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SERMON TITLE Honor One Another

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KEY SCRIPTURE Romans 12:9-13

SYNOPSIS We are called to actually “outdo” one another in showing honor.

HIGHLIGHTS



☞ HONOR ONE ANOTHER

☞ Romans 12:9-13 NLT

9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. **10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.** **11** Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. **12** Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. **13** When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

What does it mean to honor one another?

NIV	"Honor one another <u>above yourselves</u> ."
NASB	" <u>Give preference</u> to one another in honor."
KJV	"In honor <u>preferring</u> one another."
GNT	"Be <u>eager to show respect</u> for one another."
NLT	" <u>Take delight</u> in honoring each other"
MSG	"Practice playing second fiddle."

☞ To "honor" means to put value to something; to consider it precious, weighty, highly esteemed; to respect.

Honoring one another can be challenging because of our sinful, human nature. **It is human nature to be more concerned with self than with others.** And that's the tendency for many of us. We think too much of ourselves and too little of others. We talked about this last week: the culture of "me first." "Gotta take care of number one." "I just need some 'me' time." The bible paints an entirely different picture. Romans 12:3 says, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought..."

☞ Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility **value others above yourselves**, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

☞ **Jesus set the example for us.** In **John 13:3**, Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. Yet, he chose to serve his disciples. In the context of his authority over everything and in the shadow of the cross, Jesus gives a lesson in honoring others that they would never forget.

John 13:4-5, 12-15

So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

☞ **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to **wash his disciples' feet**, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.

"Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. **13** "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. **14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.



At a time when he could have been thinking of himself, he was thinking of others. This becomes our calling.

☞ **Philippians 2:5 tells us to have the same attitude as Jesus.** In this act of service, Jesus places his disciples above himself and shows great love for them.

☞ Ultimately, **honoring others is an expression of love**, which is the great commandment.

Matthew 22:36-39

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

☞ In fact, later in John 13, after washing their feet, Jesus says this: **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34**

So, today we take time to honor one another. Listen to how the ESV renders **Romans 12:10:**

☞ **Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.**

Now, it’s candy bar time. We are going to take a few minutes to honor all of our volunteers today. As I read off various categories, if you have served in the past year in that category, raise your hand and our volunteers will bring you a basket of treats to choose from.

Before you go, take time to honor each other with words of affirmation. What is something you appreciate about that person? Say it. And... check out the tables in the back with ministry opportunities to consider how you can be a servant of the Lord here at OBC.